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Dear Sir:

I am Chairman of the Ninth International Conference on Second Messengers and Phosphoproteins to be held at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, from October 27 through November 1, 1995. The General Secretary for the Conference is Dr. Sharron Francis. The purpose of this letter is to describe the Conference, and to ask The Council for Tobacco Research for partial financial support for this meeting.

As you may know, this Conference has been held every three years since its inception in Milan in 1971, and it has proved to be highly successful in attracting participants. We expect approximately 1000 scientists to attend the meeting in Nashville. Previous Conference sites have been Vancouver, New Orleans, Washington, Brussels, Kobe, and Glasgow. I enclose the First Announcement for the Conference, which provides a general description of the scientific content and setting of the meeting. This meeting is the only international one of its type devoted exclusively to the field of signal transduction, which has a central role in all aspects of cellular function and disease. We believe that the meeting will be timely and important and that it will foster the exchange of new and unpublished information among leading scientists in this field.

This particular Conference will be subtitled "Signal Transduction in Health and Disease" and it will emphasize a broad array of chemical signals that are potential targets of novel therapeutic agents for treatment of cancer, cardiovascular disease, AIDS, diabetes, neural disorders, and other disease processes. The program will include several Distinguished Lectures and numerous Symposia and Workshops. Nobel laureates Dr. Stanley Cohen (1986), Dr. Edwin Krebs (1992), and Dr. Al Gilman (1994) have already consented to be Distinguished Lecturers. Speakers for the meeting will include some of the most widely respected authorities in their respective fields. As you can see from the enclosed list of Symposia Speakers and Workshops, a broad range of topics pertaining to mechanisms of signal transduction and metabolic regulation will be emphasized.



3 Nobel laureates